

Update from the Village Life Magazine Committee

Just as we come to produce the summer edition the temperature shoots up and makes sitting in front of a computer a less than pleasant way of passing time. Whether this hot spell lasts until the end of the school year and into the holidays we shall know by the time you read this, but let us hope so!

Thanks for the response to my requests for more help in the last magazine. It has resulted in Jenny Lawlor joining the editorial committee and Pam Doyle taking over part of Brian Latham's deliveries in Coopers Lane and Coopersfield. Welcome, and thanks to both.

I should also mention that Pam has also agreed to cover the Baytree Avenue and Baytree Close deliveries for Cherry Healey who is currently recovering from her recent stroke – I am sure you will join me in wishing Cherry a full and speedy recovery.

We still need someone to take over deliveries to School Lane and the cul-de-sacs off from it, 47 homes in total, so if you can help, please contact me on 01691 770677 or drop in at the Centre and make yourself known.

In this month's issue you will see the entry form for the St Martins 4th Annual Show. This is a great event for all ages and all skill levels, so if you haven't entered before why not join in this year – you'll enjoy it and you might even win something!

Finally, I am delighted to see the level and quality of the articles from St Martins School. It is said that the school (as well as the pub!) is the heart of the community and so it is good to see them using our magazine to let everyone know what is going on there. Long may it continue so to do.

John Stevens (Chair of the Editorial Committee)

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**If you wish to submit an article or advertise in the next publication
please email it to stmartinsvillagelife@gmail.com
by no later than Friday 16th September 2016**
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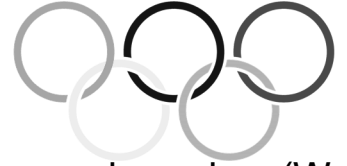
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Parish Council

From the Chair



Hello Everyone

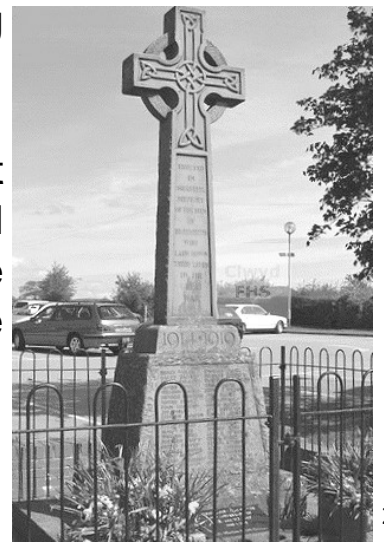
Well Football is finished (thankfully). Wimbledon has it's new champion (Well Done Andy), British Grand Prix (Lewis did it again) what next. The Olympics in Rio, if you like sport what a summer you're having. If you don't like sport, well you're having a pretty torrid time as far as telly viewing goes. The weather is up and down, so little time for the garden and very little opportunities to sit out and soak up the sunshine. (As I edit this article the heat is overwhelming so you might well be soaking up the sunshine as you read this or not!) To cap it all the EU Referendum. Whether you agreed with the result or not the country seems in a state of flux which make it an uncertain time for everyone. Change will happen whatever, whether or not for the better has yet to be seen.

Your Council will continue to serve the community, appraising the county officers of any issues that happen in the village. With a greatly reduced workforce it is not surprising that things can easily slip under the radar. We all need to be vigilant in what is going on around us. If there is something different happening that you are not sure about, ie footings for buildings appearing, hedges being up-rooted, ditches being blocked, manhole covers missing or standing proud of surfaces to name but a few things, please do contact me or email our clerk. We can't always do anything about it other than letting the authority know and get the issue noted and hopefully addressed.

We are still looking at what more can our council do to keep the village looking clean and tidy when the county's maintenance contracts run out in 2018. One thing we have said is that we are reasonable happy to take on the grass and hedge cutting of the Public Open Spaces (POS) but we feel that if the community's money is being spent on such things then it is only reasonable that the community should own the ground. County has offered a 125 year lease but we believe that this council should have the freehold to the land with an agreement that we could never sell the land for building purposes or any other reason.

Again, we are looking at the War Memorial and how we might preserve the names that are slowly but surely being eroded by the weather and will be lost in due time. We do have one or two avenues to explore but I wonder if any one in the community has any ideas? Please get in contact if you do.

Sue Schofield
Chair of St Martins Parish Council



Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk

The July meeting was held in The Community Centre St Martins.

Mark Blount, Parks & Greenspace Team Leader from Shropshire Council attended the meeting to explain the current position over possible devolved services from Shropshire Council to parish/town councils. The Parish Council said they are very interested in taking on the Public Open Spaces within their area, but only on a freehold basis. As regards the Local Nature Reserve at Ifton Meadows, Shropshire Council have stated that they have an annual Controllable Site Budget for this area of £11494. Shropshire Council has now agreed that to retain the Country Parks and Countryside Heritage Sites within the Council, safeguarding the sites such as Ifton Meadows for the future, they would have to generate more income and work towards a cost neutral position. If this is not met, then the service will continue to be at risk.

Again concern was expressed over the development on land west of Cottage Lane. When this planning application was granted in 2015 a number of conditions were placed on it prior to the dwellings being first occupied. Our local Councillor Steve Davenport has not been able to obtain any satisfactory statement about what is happening on this development site, therefore it was agreed to write to Clive Wright, Chief Executive of Shropshire Council and their Leader Malcolm Pate asking as a matter of urgency what action is being taken, or is planned to be taken by Shropshire Council to ensure that this developer adheres to and fully complies with the conditions imposed on the approved planning application.

The Annual RoSPA inspection of the play areas took place at the end of June. A number of Councillors attended this inspection to discuss with the inspector a recent accident that resulted in a young boy suffering a bruised forehead from the skate park gate. The inspector's conclusion was that the most likely cause was misuse of that gate and concluded that there was only a low risk that such an accident would be repeated. However the Parish Council have agreed to reduce the risk by replacing the gate with a fixed metal fence of the same type used around the skate park, but set at a 90° angle to the perimeter fence at that point. This fence would terminate at least 90cm from the garden hedge and be acceptable from a health and safety viewpoint.

Members made no comment on two planning applications that were due for consideration which were as follows; Erection of two storey side extension following demolition of existing single storey ground floor extension at Heathfields, 3 Baytree Avenue, St Martins and the erection of an extension to existing building to provide additional workshop; relocation of car park and formation of concrete service yard and associated works at Ridgway Rentals, Earthmover House, Ridgway Business Park, Ifton Heath, St Martins.

Again a number of residents expressed an interest in filling the casual vacancy on the parish council following the resignation of Brian Latham who has moved away from the area. After a secret ballot Andrew Cast of Devonian, Fach Lane, St Martins was elected and will attend our next meeting on the 8th September 2016.

There is no Parish Council meeting in August. Therefore the next meeting of the parish council will be a Full Council Meeting on Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7.00 pm in the The Moors Centre.

Edward Davies. Fellow ILCM

St Martins Parish Clerk.

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Sue Schofield	01691 777710



St. Martins Parish Church

Service times

• **Sunday:** 9:30am our usual Morning Worship Service
> with Communion (no Comm. on 3rd Sunday)

• **Sunday FIRST Messy Church**

4th Sept 11am. A short service with music story and prayer and afterwards we go into the hall for coffee, cake and some craft activities.



Our Website www.stmartinsparish.co.uk

Weekly Events

- **Tuesday** Coffee morning at 10:30 in the church hall. >
- **Wednesday** 9:30am Mid week communion
- **Fridays** 7:30 St. Martins and Weston Rhyn Church youth group @ St. Johns Weston Rhyn

Contact Revd Stuart Jermy - svicar@btinternet.com; 778 468 or text 07766 255436 - for weddings, Christenings or for a chat anytime.

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Alpha

Shropshire Council

Councillor Steve Davenport

Unitary Councillor, St Martins School Governor, Chair of St Martins Centre Trustees

Dear St Martins Residents ,

Well since the last edition of Village Life, hasn't the world changed with our place in Europe and politics are a changing or changed. Whether you agree or disagree, as they say, we are where we are. I see my place as always continuing to do the best that I can for the Village and my wider area, but I do hope that the new Government eases up a bit on austerity.

I was at the final governors meeting last night at St Martins School where I'm the vice chair of the governing body (or was). I'm pleased to able say and report on how much improved from a few years ago St Martins School is. Those of you who have children there will already know that, but we don't stand still and will now be coming under the management of the Priory School in Shrewsbury with Sue Lovecy remaining the Head. We will become an outstanding school in the near future and we already have parents bringing their children to St Martins from the wider area.

I have been attending the Ifton Meadows Management Committee, all volunteers, who have been working tirelessly to keep the meadow clean and open. Would you please help them as they are struggling to cope with dog fouling and cleaning up. They really do need help, so if you have any time please join them to look after grass lands, wildflower beds and spotting rare birds. There is an open day there on the 10th Sept all welcome.

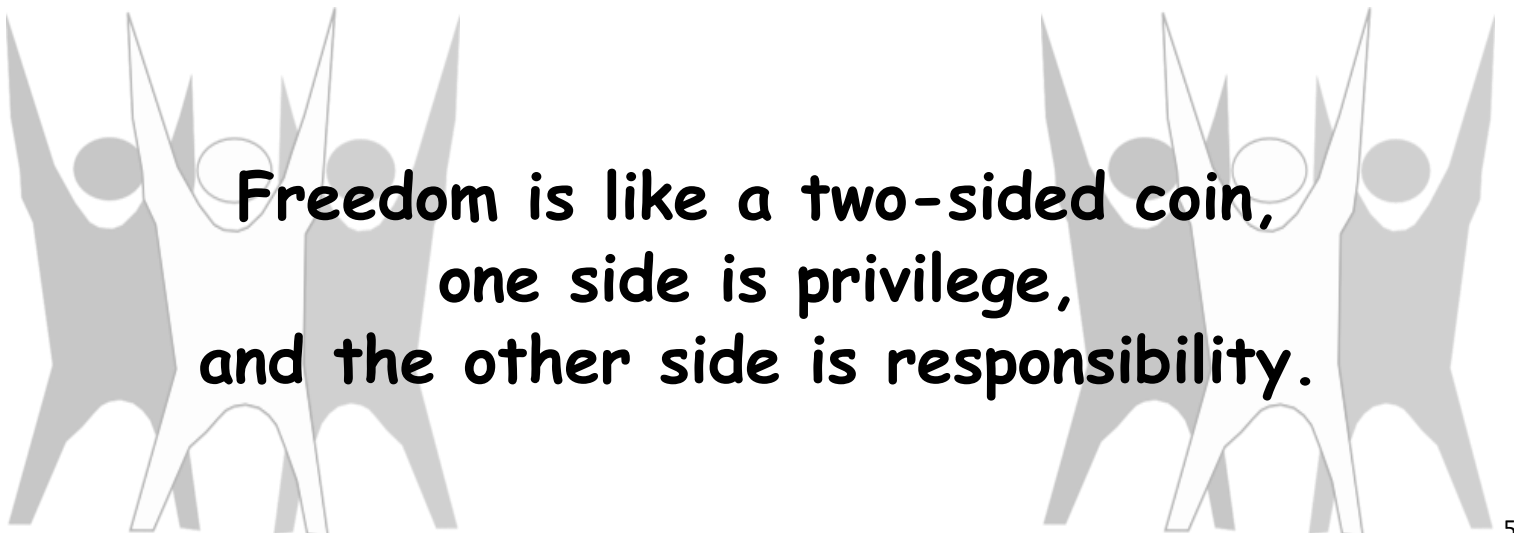
We are still trying to deal with speeding in the Village along with the Police. This is ongoing. I'm pleased to report there is also a low crime rate in the village, please report any crime, no matter how small. Call 101 and ask for West Mercia.

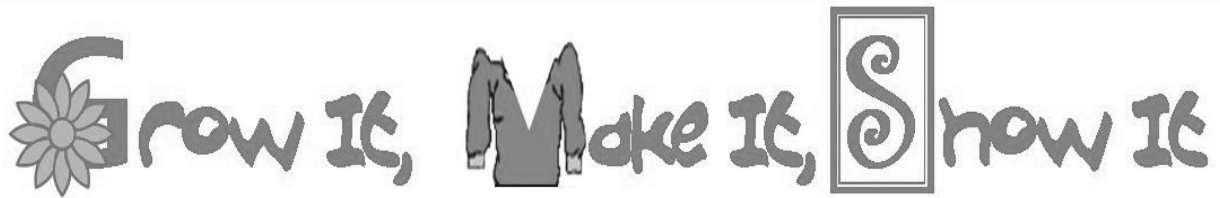
Please call or email me if you have any queries

Tel 07944097876 Email: steve.davenport@shropshire.gov.uk

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**Freedom is like a two-sided coin,  
one side is privilege,  
and the other side is responsibility.**





# St Martins 4th Annual Show

**At St Martins Centre**  
**Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Competition Entry 20p  
(Children's Competitions Free)

Spectators 50p  
(Under 12 years and Exhibitors Free)

Refreshments & Raffle

Doors open for exhibitors 9:00am

Judging 11am – 1 pm

Doors Open to Public 1:30pm  
Prize Giving 3pm

All entries must be booked in on  
**Friday 16th Sept**

Between 5:30pm - 7:30pm at St Martins Centre

Raffle Tickets will be on sale throughout August and up to show day,  
also in Stan's on 9th & 10th September.

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| <p><b><u>Class No</u></b></p> | <p><b><u>Section A : Vegetables</u></b></p> <p>A1. 3 Potatoes</p> <p>A2. 4 Runner Beans</p> <p>A3. 3 Onions (10 oz. and under)</p> <p>A4. 3 Onions (over 10 oz.)</p> <p>A5. 6 Shallots</p> <p>A6. 1 Pumpkin</p> <p>A7. 3 Leeks</p> <p>A8. 3 Carrots (with tops trimmed and tied)</p> <p>A9. 3 Beetroot (with tops trimmed and tied)</p> <p>A10. 3 Courgettes (not exceeding 150mm/6 ins)</p> <p>A11. 1 Marrow or oversized courgette (Heaviest)</p> <p>A12. 1 Cucumber</p> <p>A13. Any Brassica</p> <p>A14. 4 Tomatoes (any variety)</p> <p>A15. 5 Cherry Tomatoes</p> <p>A16. 3 Cooking apples</p> <p>A17. 3 Dessert apples</p> <p>A18. Any Other 3 Fruit (same variety)</p> <p>A19. Any other 3 Vegetable (same variety)</p> | <p><b><u>Class No</u></b></p> | <p><b><u>Section B : Flowers and Plants</u></b></p> <p>B20. 5 Dahlias Pompom, any size</p> <p>B21. 3 Dahlias (decorative)</p> <p>B22. 1 Dahlia (large)</p> <p>B23. 3 Dahlias, Cactus or semi Cactus</p> <p>B24. A specimen HT Rose</p> <p>B25. 3 Gladioli</p> <p>B26. 6 Sweet Pea Stems</p> <p>B27. 1 Lily home grown stem (any variety)</p> <p>B28. 3 Hydrangeas</p> <p>B29. 1 Vase of Flowers (5stems any variety)</p> <p>B30. Pot plant (flowering)</p> <p>B31. Pot plant (foliage)</p> <p>B32. 1 Cactus or Succulent</p> <p>B33. Fuchsia in any size pot</p> <p>B34. Pelargonium (Geranium-upright only)</p> <p>B35. Flower Arrangement in an unusual container</p> <p><b><u>Special Section: Allotment Holder Only</u></b><br/>Best Exhibit by an Allotment Holder</p> |
| <p><b><u>Class No</u></b></p> | <p><b><u>Section C : Children's</u></b><br/>open to children aged 11 and younger on 1st September 2016, age to be stated on exhibit.</p> <p>C36. Decorated Egg Carton (6)</p> <p>C37. Decorated Wooden Spoon</p> <p>C38. Necklace made of Vegetables</p> <p>C39. 1 Decorated Gingerbread Biscuit (Biscuits can be bought)</p> <p>C40. Picture any Medium:<br/>Something or Someone I LOVE</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p><b><u>Class No</u></b></p> | <p><b><u>Section D : Photographic</u></b><br/>(Un-mounted and Un-framed Max 7" x 5" )</p> <p>D41. Photograph – Old and New</p> <p>D42. Photograph – Single Tree</p> <p>D43. Photograph – Spider's Web</p> <p>D44. Photograph – Humorous Photo with Caption</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p><b><u>Class No</u></b></p> | <p><b><u>Section E : Cookery</u></b></p> <p>E45. Victoria Sponge/Sandwich (Jam filled &amp; Caster Sugar on Top)</p> <p>E46. Fruit Loaf/Tea Loaf</p> <p>E47. Apple Pie on an 8" plate</p> <p>E48. Savoury Flan Max 8"</p> <p>E49. 3 Sultana Scones (2" cutter)</p> <p>E50. Homemade Lemon Curd</p> <p>E51. Homemade Jar of Pickles (Recycled glass jars acceptable with either a new lid or cellophane)</p> <p>E52. Man Cake (must be made by a MAN)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b><u>Class No</u></b></p> | <p><b><u>Section F : Craft</u></b></p> <p>F53. Any Crochet Article</p> <p>F54. Any Knitted Article</p> <p>F55. Any Patchwork/Quilting/Appique</p> <p>F56. Any Tapestry/Cross-stitch</p> <p>F57. Any other Embroidery</p> <p>F58. Handmade Greeting Card</p> <p>F59. Art (Paintings or Drawing)</p> <p>F60. Any Other Craft</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



# St Martins Methodist Church

(Ellesmere Road)

Minister: Rev. Heather Wilson 01691 769164

Thursday Coffee Mornings 10.30 - 11.30

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| St Martins<br>10.00 | August 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Moors @ 11.00 | August 14 <sup>th</sup><br>Edlington | August 21 <sup>st</sup><br>AWT | August 28 <sup>th</sup><br>M Bennett |
| Moors<br>11.00      | Nankivel                                | AWT                                  | Mathews                        | J Jackson                            |



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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 10.00 service

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>

Harvest Supper 6.30 pm







**St.Martins Village Football Club** has regrouped ready for the new season ahead 2016 - 2017 this now will be the third season that the Village Football team has been in the Regional Football League. New Manager Johnny Mitchell and his assistant Richard Chamberlain are heading the campaign for the new season.

Pre-season has got off to a good start with training every Wednesday night behind Stan's, as well as playing a couple of friendlies against Coedpoeth and Rhos both with good results and all with the support of a stronger squad of local players.

The committee would like to thank all the people in St. Martin's who supported the Club in one way or another and hope for their continued support next season.

### **BRINGING FOOTBALL BACK TO THE VILLAGE.....**

**Neil Edwards Memorial Football Match** was played on the 25th June where St.Martins, last year's winners, hosted Overton Village. The game was a success again and the trophy will remain in St.Martins for the second year running. We would like to thank all involved especially the players, old and young, who put their names forward to take part. A big thank you for everyone's hard work making cakes for the cake stall and for donationa from local businesses & members of the public. £600 will be given to Hayley Higginson & Sophie Edwards Children Cancer Trust and £100 to St Martin's First Responders.

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We would also greatly appreciate any photographs of the buildings which we could copy. We would be more than willing to visit people if they would find that more convenient or we would gratefully receive any information and material by e-mail.

Our e-mail address is [mikecrowe38@aol.com](mailto:mikecrowe38@aol.com)

Thank you very much for your help.  
Mike Crowe.

*There's one Mike.....*



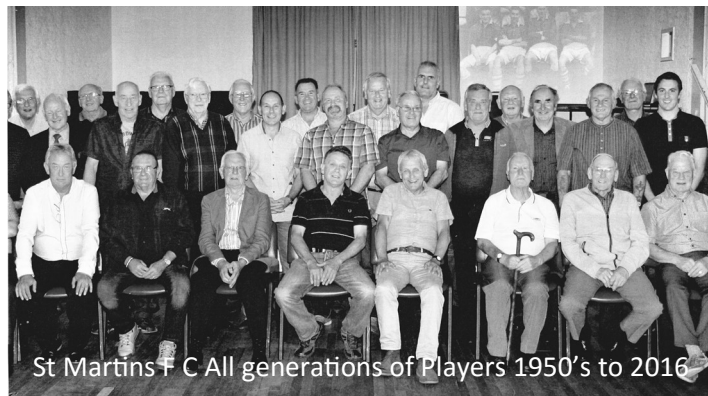
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# REUNION EVENT

The organising Committee of the St Martins F.C. Reunion Event thanks everyone who supported their successful event that took place on Friday 15th July at the Ifton Miners Institute.

The event, which attracted over 80 participants, proved to be everything the organisers wanted, with the ex-players of several generations sharing fascinating football stories of the past and their partners sharing stories of their experiences of supporting the club.



St Martins F C All generations of Players 1950's to 2016



1969 Team in 2016, winners of the Ethelston Cup in 1969

The committee would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to

- ◆ Hazel Hall Caterers for the excellent food
- ◆ Jeff Cliffson for the entertainment
- ◆ Graham Williams (ex West Bromwich Albion and Welsh International) for sharing some of his many fascinating experiences .

The Club now looks forward to the forthcoming season as they embark on their fourth season in Division One of the West Midlands League.

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# ST MARTINS COMMUNITY FIRST

## Married to a CFR

Life is never dull when you have a spouse who volunteers as a Community First Responder for the West Midlands Ambulance Service. Many of you will now be familiar with the sight of the silver ambulance car (which is often the first WMAS vehicle on the scene when a local 999 call is made) and its two drivers, John Roberts and Effie Cadwallader. As Effie's husband, I know only too well how important their volunteering is and how it is frequently far from simple. When she is on call, which is normally from 07.00 to 14.00, Effie has her radio with her at all times ready to answer a summons from control at a moment's notice. That means she might be called out in the middle of our lunch, when we are busy in the garden, when she is preparing a meal or even when we are shopping in Stan's. It's not unusual for me to be left to look after the cakes which are in the oven or deal with the washing which is ready to be hung out. I'm quite used to being abandoned in Stan's with a couple of bags of shopping to carry home and I've even been chased around the store by staff passing on the message that she's had to respond to a call somewhere.

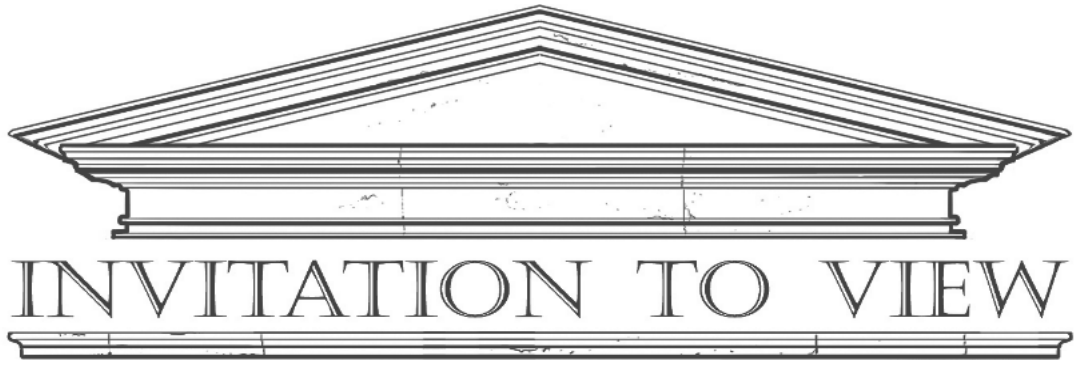
Although she and John are primarily meant to be responding in St Martins, they are often called out further afield. I remember one Sunday when she was sent to Oswestry at about 11.00 and I got a call from her at 14.30 to say that she was finally on her way back from somewhere in the wilds near Llansillin. As so often happens, she had been moved on from the original incident to another one even further distant.

I may even end up with an unofficial role in the volunteer process. Our area of North Shropshire is not noted for the logic of its addresses or the accuracy of Satnavs and postcodes and she sometimes has to ring me to consult Google maps and other online sources to find a location. All too often, the satnav leads her to a collection of houses and she has to find the right one, which is not easy if each one is not clearly named. Just recently, she went to the other side of Oswestry to an address she knows, only to be sent on to somewhere else in the Trefonen area. Cue phone call to me to try to find the second location and I ended up talking her through remote country lanes until she was near to her destination, an exercise not assisted by the inevitable loss of mobile signal along the way. She can get guidance by radio from the ambulance control based in Brierley Hill, but it can be easier for her to rely on a spouse who knows the area better and can cope with names like Sodyllt or Rhosygadfa!

Being an occasional route-finder is the limit of my assistance: I could not do *any* of the things which she and John are called upon to do and which I know are much appreciated by many people, especially here in St Martins. When she has a callout, she never knows exactly what she will find when she gets there. Volunteering calls for a cool head, a little medical knowledge, personal initiative, compassion and, not infrequently, a strong stomach. I could not do it, but both she and John can.

Incidentally, some people seem to confuse me with John. I am married to Effie but not a CFR. John is a CFR but not married to Effie.

Les Cadwallader



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# St Martins Centre

Hi All

What's been happening at the Centre? Well we have started a maintenance programme on all those little things that need addressing from time to time - rendering repairs, replacing broken roof tiles (how do they get broken you may ask? Youngsters have a tendency to put large stones in a carrier bag and throw them up on the roof purely to see if they can break the tiles. You could ask yourselves why should anyone want to do this, I really don't know).

10 Guys from Cadbury have been and painted the windows and doors outside and what a great job. THANK YOU to each and everyone and many thanks to Cadbury for allowing them to come.

Book Box is going from strength to strength, but with books coming back and donated books all needing to be dealt with, sorted and put back on the shelves. Is there anyone out there who has a maximum of a couple of hours a week and who would enjoy helping to look after the books?

***We are also looking for volunteers to staff the reception office, meeting and greeting people, taking bookings and answering the phone. You need to be approachable and have a sunny disposition and it would be useful - but not essential - if you were computer literate. Can you spare 4 hours a week on a day that suits you?***

Contact Sue at the Centre if you could give some time to **HELP** on either of these roles (they could be combined).

## St Martins Centre

(Charity Reg. No. 1088872)

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Charge for use of any one room £10 per hour to include use of kitchen.



Ifton Colliery Band have had a very busy few months. We are now settling into our stride with our new musical director Scott

Lloyd and proving that we are a successful combination, by winning two first places and two second places out of 6 march contests during the recent

### **Whit Friday Marches at the end of May.**



We recently attended a sell out concert with the Wirral Symphonic Wind Band (also conducted by Scott Lloyd) and some local primary school children at

### **Wallasey Town Hall**

The concert was a huge success and has promised to be fruitful, with even more gigs being booked in the near future! Watch this space for dates and locations!

The band helped to entertain the crowds at The Ironbridge Gorge Brass Band Festival on Saturday 9th July. Not only did we put on a 30 minute concert, but later in the evening we joined ranks with the Army Corps of Signals Brass Band based in Cosford to conclude the evening in a gala Last Night of the Proms concert. It was an absolutely amazing evening.

On Sunday 7th August the band will once again be entertaining the locals in

### **Cae Glas Park, Oswestry**

between 2pm and 4pm. Get out your folding chairs and picnic blankets and come join us for an afternoon of light entertaining music and of course ice cream!!



As always if you have any questions for the band or would like to book us for an event, please contact our booking secretary Barrie Roberts on 01691 654030 or myself Rachael King (Chair) on 01691 770348



# July 2016 Quiz

## Out of Europe Theme

1. Which year did Britain join the Common Market or EEC?
2. What year was the stay or leave referendum?
3. Who was the Prime Minister when we joined?
4. What did that PM get as a thank you for us joining?
5. 1 kilo is = to how many LBs (pounds)
6. Was our local MP Owen Paterson for or against staying in Europe?
7. How many chains to a furlong?
8. How many LBS in a stone?
9. What happened to the PMs thank you gift?
10. Which famous French politician said NO! To Britain joining EEC?



Answers on page 19

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## **YOUTHIE'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER!**

**Friday evening sessions will restart on Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

#### **EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

FREE TNS Sports sessions 2.00 – 4.00 on field behind STANS

**For ALL ages from 4 years!**

#### **EVERY SATURDAY EVENING**

FUSION youth group St Martins Centre 6.00 – 8.00

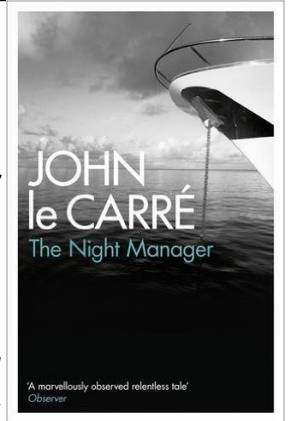
**Ages 10+    £1**

## **BOOK CLUB**

*Well Summer arrived at last. Hope everyone is well planned for holidays. Book Club is on hold throughout August but our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 13th. Jill has chosen the read – The Night Manager by John Le Carre, a “cosy murder”.*

*We'll be offering our thoughts on the novel at Jill's house. We've had quite a successful and fun year and would look forward to having new members. There is no obligation to come to every meeting. Not everyone is available at each meeting and not everyone wants to read all books chosen. We're all very democratic and flexible.*

*Over the years of the club's existence we've found new friends as well as our common interest in reading. For further information and details of venue please contact me on 01691 770937 or email llyswen236@btinternet .com*



## **St Martins Allotment Association**

Now we reap the rewards of our labours that is if the birds, mice, caterpillars etc, don't get there first! Several allotment holders have had their peas decimated by the jackdaws. A quick construction of a cage soon put an end to the jackdaw's antics. It just reinforces my maxim of “if you don't net it – you don't get it”.



The strawberries have been excellent this year. First crops were picked at the beginning of June and have lasted until mid-July. Eating them every day for breakfast and dessert can be a little trying though. There seems to be some sort of 'bug' on the raspberries, but it does not seem to have spoiled the fruit - they are still very tasty except they are a little smaller this year.

Our wildlife area is still in the throws of construction. The fruit trees are growing well and so are the weeds!! We have not yet fully installed the seating area as we still have to secure the table and seats. It is finding the time at present as it is an exceptionally busy time of year for us gardeners. Watering, weeding and harvesting have to take priority over construction.

By the time you read this we should have had our annual barbeque, we just hope the weather is kind.

Happy Gardening.

Val Williamson



**Monday Night Curry Night 5pm-8pm**

Curry and a pint £8.50

**Tuesday Night Fish Night 5pm-8pm**

Beer Battered Cod, Breaded Plaice, Scampi or Salmon and a pint £9.95

**Wednesday Night Steak Night 5pm-8pm**

Rump Steak and a glass of wine of your choice £12.00

**Thursday Night Sizzler Night 5pm-9pm**

Any Sizzler and a pint £10.50

**HAPPY HOUR TIMES MONDAY—FRIDAY**

**2PM-6PM**

|                 |       |               |       |               |       |
|-----------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Fosters         | £2.50 | Guinness      | £2.70 | Real Ales All | £2.50 |
| Carling         | £2.50 | John Smiths   | £2.20 |               |       |
| Carling premier | £2.70 | Worthington's | £2.10 |               |       |
| Wrexham Lager   | £2.50 | Strongbow     | £2.70 |               |       |

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## ANSWERS to July

### Quiz

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1. 1973
2. 1975
3. Ted Heath
4. An ocean going yacht
5. 2.2
6. Against
7. 10
8. 14
9. He sank it
10. Charles de Gaulle

## What's on in August!

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Event</b>                 | <b>Venue</b>             | <b>Time</b> |
|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
|             |                              |                          |             |
| Wed 3rd     | Hearing Clinic               | Oswestry Library         | 10am-2pm    |
| Tues 6th    | WI<br>Debbie Shaw—Happy Feet | Ifton Miners Lounge      | 7:30pm      |
| Sun 7th     | Sunday Social Club           | St Martins Centre        | 3:30pm      |
| Tues 9th    | IMMC meeting                 | St Martins Centre        | 7:30pm      |
|             |                              |                          |             |
| Sun 14th    | Green Gym                    | Colliery Entrance        | 1pm         |
|             |                              |                          |             |
|             |                              |                          |             |
| Sat 20th    | Car Boot Sale                | St Martins Playing Field | 10am-2pm    |
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